



## **Open Water Swimming (OWS) Series Swimsuit Guidelines**

Participants in the 2017-18 Swimming WA Open Water Swimming (OWS) Series are free to swimsuits, rash vests and wetsuits.

All competitors are eligible to win individual round prizes/medals during individual rounds of the 2017/18 OWS Series.

However, those competitors who compete wearing a wetsuit will not be eligible for points in the "overall" OWS Series Leader Board.

Those participants wishing to gain official times or be eligible for the overall Series Leader Board however, must adhere to Swimming Australia guidelines on swimwear

Participants who wish to achieve a qualifying time to enter the Australian Open Water Championships, or have their time recognised at a National Level, must adhere to the Swimming Australia (SAL) Open Water By-Law (7) on swimwear.

*The By-Law is: OWBL7 Swimwear, for both Men and Women, shall not cover the neck, extend past the shoulder, nor shall extend below the ankle. All Open Water swimsuits shall comply with the FINA Criteria for Materials and Approval Procedures.*

Swimmers not meeting the criteria listed above will still be permitted to swim in all OWS Series rounds, record a personal registered time and be eligible for round and spot prizes, however their times will not be recognised at a National Level.

ALL competitive swimmers taking part in the Championship Events at the Swimming WA State Open Water Championships must comply with all the criteria to be eligible to compete.

Should you have any questions on this policy please call Swimming WA on 08) 9328 4599.